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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PANORA COMMUNICATION COOPERATIVE AND PRAIRIE TELEPHONE COMPANY PETITION FOR WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES FOR MODIFYING ACCESS RATE BANDS AND CHARGES, IMPUTATION OF THE HIGHER RATE BAND, 2011 SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT, AND 2011 BASE PERIOD REVENUE

WC Docket No. 15-166

Comment Date: August 14, 2015 Reply Comment Date: August 31, 2015

On July 10, 2015, Panora Communications Cooperative (Panora) and Prairie Telephone Company, Inc. (Prairie) filed a petition for waiver of sections 51.909(a), 51.917(b)(1), 51.917(b)(2) (if appropriate), 51.917(b)(1), and 51.917(b)(7) of the Commission's rules. Specifically, Panora and Prairie seek a waiver of specific intercarrier compensation rules "to implement the recent waiver of the definition of 'study area' contained in the Appendix-Glossary of Part 36 on the Commission's Rules that authorized the transfer of the remainder of Prairie's Yale, Iowa local exchange from Prairie's Iowa study area (Study area Code: 351344) to Panora's Iowa study area (Study Area Code: 351271)."

Pursuant to section 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before the date indicated above. Comments may be filed by paper copies or by using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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¹ Petition of Panora Communications Cooperative and Prairie Telephone Company, Inc. for Waiver of Sections 51.909(a), 51.917(b)(1), 51.917(b)(2) and 51.917(b)(7) of the Commission's Rules to Modify Access Rate Bands and Charges, and 2011 Switched Access Revenue Requirement and 2011 Base Period Revenue in Connection with Study Area Waivers in Iowa (filed July 10, 2015).

 $^{^{2}}$ *Id.* at 1-2.

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³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 et seq.